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Fifty-third session
Geneva, 25 June-4 July 2018
Item 1 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda for the fifty-third session*, **, ***

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 25 June 2018

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Explosives and related matters[1]:
   (a) Review of test series 6;
   (b) Review of tests in parts I, II and III of the Manual of Tests and Criteria;

* Annotations to the agenda will be circulated as document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/105/Add.1. The deadline for submission of documents is 30 March 2018.

** For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division's website (http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc3/c3age.html). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

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[1] After preliminary consideration in the plenary, most of the questions relating to this agenda item will be referred to a working group on explosives that will meet in parallel. At the fiftieth session, the Sub-Committee felt that the involvement of experts from sectors other than transport in the work of the working group on explosives was highly desirable and expressed the wish that more experts from other sectors would attend its sessions in future (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/100, para 91).

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(c) Electronic detonators;

(d) Guidance for application of Test Series 3 and 4;

(e) Stability tests for industrial nitrocellulose;

(f) Application of security provisions to explosives N.O.S;

(g) Review of packing instructions for explosives;

(h) Classification of articles under UN No. 0349;

(i) Review of Chapter 2.1 of the GHS;

(j) Miscellaneous.

3. Listing, classification and packing.

4. Electric storage systems:

(a) Testing of lithium batteries;

(b) Hazard-based system for classification of lithium batteries;

(c) Transport provisions;

(d) Damaged or defective lithium batteries;

(e) Sodium-ion batteries.

(f) Miscellaneous.

5. Transport of gases:

(a) Global recognition of UN and non-UN pressure receptacles;

(b) Miscellaneous.

6. Miscellaneous proposals for amendments to the Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods:

(a) Marking and labelling;

(b) Packagings;

(c) Portable tanks;

(d) Other miscellaneous proposals.

7. Global harmonization of transport of dangerous goods regulations with the Model Regulations.

8. Cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

9. Guiding principles for the Model Regulations.

10. Issues relating to the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals[2]:

    (a) Criteria for water-reactivity;

    (b) Testing of oxidizing substances;

    (c) Updating of references to OECD Guidelines;

    (d) Use of the Manual of Tests and Criteria in the context of the GHS;

    (e) Joint work with the GHS Sub-Committee[3];

    (f) Miscellaneous.

11. Other business.

12. Adoption of the report.

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[2] Participants in the work of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals who are not normally involved in the work of the TDG Sub-Committee are invited to participate in the work of the TDG Sub-Committee when the Sub-Committee is acting as GHS focal point for physical hazards (see also ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2, para 43 (b)).

[3] The TDG and GHS sub-committees agreed at its fifty-second and thirty-fourth sessions respectively that it would be appropriate to hold a joint session in July 2018 to discuss topics of common interest (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/104, paragraph 30 and ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/68, paragraph 62). The joint session will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 3 July 2018.